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Jen Ruffner staffs the Greenbelt Museum booth at the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair.

Sellers and Purchasers Meet At Annual Art and Craft Fair

by Altoria Bell Ross

Eva Choper of Northway admired vibrant batik scarves printed in various designs as her husband, Jordan, listened to fiber artist Russ Little explain free motion quilting during the studio open house and sale at the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair at the Greenbelt Community Center, December 4 and 5. While perusing Little's scarves, Eva Choper mentioned annually frequenting the fair. This year she purchased hand cream and a wooden toy car from craft vendors.

Little, of College Park, who

works as a project manager by day, shares a studio with mixed media artist Tom Baker and cut paper illustrator Sherill Anne Gross of Hillside. Surrounded by acrylic paint, brushes and sculptures, Baker described his piece, "The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich," his tribute to Jewish people, gypsies and homosexuals. The Gonzaga College High School art teacher cut and tore pages from the book of the same title, German maps, travel books and tissue

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Historical Society Library Reopens with Celebration

by Virginia Beauchamp

A week after the Greenbelt Library and the Prince George's County Historical Society's library on its ground floor reopened after building renovations, the Historical Society hosted another significant event. This was a special morning tea for Historical Society member and sister of the late Frederick S. DeMarr, whose personal collection was the nucleus of the present Historical Society library and for whom the library is named.

Indeed his sister – Louise DeMarr Tatspaugh – is significant in her own right. The occasion was the Society's celebration of her 100th birthday, which had occurred on Friday, December 10, the day before. Nearly 100 members of her family had gathered for her birthday party, including her daughter Pat, who came in from London for the event.

Louise Tatspaugh has herself been important to the Society. In 1999, as administrator of her bachelor brother's estate, she conveyed to the Historical Society all his books, manuscripts, papers and memorabilia that he had maintained in the library he had begun. At Marietta, the county mansion which had housed the Society from 1985 to 2008, he had spent many hours, week after week, sorting through and making accessible to researchers materials that are so important to county history.

Until two years ago, when rooms in the Greenbelt Library

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Council Strategizes about Latest Plan for Widening B/W Parkway

by Kathleen Gallagher

Starting in the 1920s, regional planners sought to develop a Fort Meade Parkway connecting Washington with Fort Meade and eventually with Baltimore. Originally proposed as an expansion of U.S. Route 1, the highway eventually took shape as the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (BWP/MD 295), a 30.8-mile stretch of restricted, truck-free divided roadway that has been the subject of plans to widen it or make it part of the interstate system almost since it opened to traffic in 1954.

At the request of Councilmember Rodney Roberts, the latest consideration of widening the BWP to six lanes was on the agenda of the Greenbelt City Council for discussion at its regular meeting Monday, December 10.

According to background information provided to the city by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, U.S. Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger successfully requested \$1 million in funding under the Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Ap-

propriations bill to undertake a feasibility study for widening the BWP from the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) south to New York Avenue in D.C. Included in the study would be an assessment of the impact of the military Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process on traffic through the MD 295 corridor between Baltimore and Washington.

Ruppersberger, a Democrat, represents the 2nd Congressional District, which includes parts of Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties, as well as a small northeast portion of Baltimore City. His district includes Fort George G. Meade, which is expanding in facilities and personnel resulting from the BRAC process enacted in 2005. The first new employees arrive next month and full relocation of BRAC jobs will occur during 2011.

Feasibility Study

Language was included as far back as the Fiscal Year 2008 Omnibus Appropriations bill directing the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Federal Lands to undertake the feasibility

study within one year in conjunction with the National Park Service and the Maryland Highway Administration. Funding was not requested at the time, however, apparently on the misapprehension that funds were unnecessary for studies on federal lands.

The National Park Service maintains the parkway north from the Tuxedo interchange at the intersection of Rts. 50 and 295 to Rt. 175 near Fort Meade. At that point the Maryland Highway Administration picks up maintenance until the parkway enters the City of Baltimore.

The city council's discussion focused on the best way for the city to have a voice in the decisions to be made. After consultation with City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Mayor Judith Davis suggested that a letter be addressed either to Congressman Ruppersberger or to Greenbelt's Congressman Steny Hoyer, copied to the other and to Maryland's U.S. Senators and the responsible federal and state agencies.

See **PARKWAY**, page 6

Firefighters Join Police in Helping Children Buy Gifts for Families

by Jim Link

There were no Grinches and no Scrooges to spoil the Christmas shopping spree known informally as Shop With A Cop, early Sunday morning, December 19 at the Target store in Beltway Plaza.

Greenbelt police officers and firefighters partnered with 12 underprivileged, very deserving children nominated from Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools and spent an hour and a half gathering treasures from the toy, electronics and clothing aisles of Target before returning to the Greenbelt Fire Department to wrap the gifts and feast on pizza donated by Three Brothers Restaurant and on sandwiches, cookies, coffee, donuts and soft drinks offered by the fire department's Ladies Auxiliary.

This is the first year the fire department is doing this with the police, Detective Jermaine Gullledge explained, hence the official name of the event is The Police and Fire Holiday Shop Along. "I've participated every year since they began four or five years ago and I can tell you these kids don't buy just for themselves; they think of their siblings, moms, grandmoms first, then get something for themselves," added Gullledge.

Each kid was given \$125 to play with, donated by individual

residents and local businesses, according to Jackie Curley, Police Chief James Craze's administrative associate.

Tim White, community officer for Franklin Park (formerly Empirian Village), said that Franklin Park's owners had "generously donated \$1,000."

Stationed "at the ready" at Target, Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach welcomed the 12 eager shoppers, who basically blew right past them.

Departments Joined

"I think it's wonderful that our fire department and police department have joined together. It's great that Officer Kelly Lawson got them together; she realized the need for them to join forces," Davis said. Mach added, "If there's a great example of holiday spirit, this is it."

Kelly Lawson, wearing two hats doing public relations for both departments though she is a master police officer of the Greenbelt Police Department, was the sine qua non of the event. "This is done nationwide; unfortunately our FOP couldn't do it this year for financial reasons but the fire department is on board for the first time," Lawson said.

Some parents brought their children simply to help out, with-

out "copping" any loot, so to speak. Shaniza Lashley-Mullen and her husband, Raedrick, brought their sons Daedrick, 12, and Andre, 9, to pitch in for the other kids. "It's not about them today," the parents said.

Warren Porter, treasurer of the fire department, and Christy Nichols had their son Arren helping out. When I asked Arren if Santa was going to be good to him, he was respectfully silent. "I think he is," clarified his dad.

Robert Tripe, firefighter and emergency medical technician (EMT), pushed a big red shopping cart around Target while his partner Brian snatched goodies from the shelves. "He knows what he's doing," Tripe smiled.

Trisha Bayliss, firefighter and EMT, partnered with Vernon, who procured a radio-controlled muscle car. Christy Nichols of the fire department partnered with Milagro, 11, who picked up some slippers, perfume, a text messenger for her family and a ball for her baby brother Christian, 8 months old.

Sergeant Marie Triesky of the Police Department partnered with Daquante, 7, who got himself a Batman Cave and slippers and M&Ms for his mom. "It's

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What Goes On

Thursday, December 23 – Greenbelt Homes closed for the holiday

Friday, December 24 – Greenbelt Homes, Greenbriar and City Offices closed for the holiday

Friday, December 31 – Greenbelt Homes, Greenbriar and City Offices closed for the New Year holiday

Editorial

Fraudulent Solicitations for Carriers



It is incredibly discouraging and frustrating that apparently, for the second year in a row, one or more persons have distributed fraudulent envelopes to collect tips that should be going to the young folks who deliver our newspaper week in and week out. In addition, other publications are distributing envelopes this year, which may lead to some confusion. We do not want these problems to cause our generous readers to fear sending a tip to their carriers. We are working on a better approach for next year, but in the interim, we are offering this option to readers who do not know their carriers (and so cannot tell if the envelope they have is legitimate or not). If desired, readers may make checks out to the Greenbelt News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Please make sure that your address is clearly indicated so that we can identify your carrier. We will direct the tips to the designated carriers. Place “Carrier Tip” on the memo line.

Letters to the Editor

What a Bus-mess!

Winter temperatures have descended on Greenbelt and so, too, have new bus routes. For riders who woke up on December 20 to the chill of navigating new routes, their task was made tougher with no paper timetables and no signage for new stops. Confusion prevailed and the reality of implications of the Greenbelt restructuring plan to “reduce redundancy and improve efficiency” hit home. Incredibly, the former challenges with stacking of the county and Metro buses, called out during public comment by riders and council, have actually gotten worse under the new plan. Riders who miss the bus now will wait for upwards of an hour during non-rush periods and 30 minutes during rush hour for another route to service their location. This is a waste of resource and a far cry from “efficiency” heralded in the new plan.

But it doesn’t have to be this way. Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) has appealed to the county and WMATA planners to creatively maximize both bus systems through complementary timing and route planning to ensure the best coverage and frequency. The current plan falls short of this vision but some short-term fixes are easy. The county and WMATA planners should adjust route departure times to ensure that service is staggered between routes when they sit down to review how the new routes are working. They should also consider adding several additional stops to the 15X to provide greater access to riders and another transit option during rush hour.

For people who need the bus and people who want to use it, TRU-G is emphatic that we need more and better service in our community and, indeed, throughout our county, where riding the bus in many places is a herculean chore at best. In the long term, studies have shown that frequency is one of the most important attributes that support high ridership on public transit. The Prince George’s County Council needs to step up to the plate and put their money where their mouth is: We can set policies to mandate and fund more frequent service on our buses just as Montgomery County has and go one better to ensure weekend service. That simple policy would do a world of wonders to transform Greenbelt and our county into the truly livable community we say we want to become.

I hope the lack of education and the present problems with the new routes will not “ice” out bus riders, either old or new. I encourage all Greenbelters to give public transit another chance in the new year and to join us in demanding better transit in Greenbelt.

Melissa Ehrenreich
Member, TRU-G

Correction for Letter On GHI Tax Credit

A letter appearing in the December 16th issue entitled A Reminder to All submitted by Mary Ernsberger contained incorrect information regarding the Homestead Tax Credit GHI members currently receive. The article reminded members to apply for this continued credit by the end of 2010 in order to keep this tax benefit. While members will be required to verify their GHI home is their primary residence, the deadline for submitting an application for the 2012 tax year is December 31, 2011, not 2010. GHI has been working with the State to obtain applicable applications for GHI members and will be notifying members early in 2011 with instructions on how they should apply. In order to assure compliance, members should not apply online but should submit their application directly to GHI for a mass submission. The Homestead Tax Credit is not related to a member’s mortgage or share loan.

It applies strictly to a person’s primary residence. Members do not need to take any action now. Please watch for further information coming soon with instructions on how to apply.

Sheri Swaim
Executive Assistant
Manager’s Office
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

THANKS!

The Greenbelt Police Department and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department sincerely thank those who donated to the first annual Police & Fire Holiday Shop-along held this past Sunday. It was a huge success and several children of Greenbelt were helped as a result of your generosity. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Happy Holidays from all your Greenbelt police officers and firefighters!

MPO Kelly Lawson
Crime Prevention/
Community Relations

Thanks for Early Christmas Surprise

On December 14 a surprise knock was at our door. When I opened it we heard some beautiful Christmas music from a group of wonderful carolers. I invited them to come in as it was frigid outside. They sang several beautiful Christmas songs and then asked if we had any requests. They sang “Silver Bells,” which is one of my favorites.

I wondered how they chose our house and learned it was that they liked our lights outside. I gave them some chocolate candy as they left. Too bad that I did not have hot chocolate to give.

My husband and I truly enjoyed them and want to thank them.

If you want a surprise next year, just put up some Christmas lights outside.

Rosalie Thomas
1 Plateau Place





I Wish Everyone A Very
Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous and
Happy New Year!



Silke Pope

Grin Belt



"Lunar eclipse . . . check . . .
winter solstice . . . check . . .
winter wonderland Christmas"

City Notes

Refuse and Recycling collected 25.8 tons of refuse and 14.26 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Recreation staff reports that work on replacement of the Pool Pak equipment at the Aquatic and Fitness Center is essentially complete. The indoor pool re-opened on December 18 as scheduled. Work on the equipment will continue, including testing and balancing of air flow and connecting the computer remote access program.

Staff met with an engineer to assess planned replacement of mechanical equipment at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Freestate New Year Walk Is in Columbia

Finish 2010 at the Freestate Happy Wanderers walk event on New Year’s Eve and begin 2011 with a New Year’s Day walk celebration at the Owen Brown Community Center, 6800 Cradlerock Way in Columbia. The two-day events will feature a 6-km trail and two 10-km trails for walkers each day. Start between 9 a.m. and noon; finish by 4 p.m. There will be prizes for children. Bring a can of non-perishable food for a local food pantry.

For information call 410-437-2164 or email wahasse@ix.netcom.com. There is a fee.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for December 27 to 31:

Monday – Grape juice, barbecued beef on a bun, coleslaw, roasted red potatoes, fresh orange.

Tuesday – Vegetable soup, baked Pollock with tartar sauce, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, peach supreme.

Wednesday – Orange juice, cheese omelets, sausage links, home-fried potatoes, pancakes with syrup, mixed fruit cup, yogurt cup (Premium Meal).

Thursday – Grape juice, ham steak with fruit sauce, chopped collards, black-eyed peas, sweet potato pie.

Friday – New Year’s Eve, all sites closed.

Camp Fire Leadership Program Openings

Camp Fire is recruiting now from Greenbelt and Franklin Park schools for Teens in Action Leadership and Service Learning Program to be held from late January through early May. A maximum of 20 youths, with an equal balance of young men and women in 6th and 7th grades, is being sought for the program. Counselors and leaders will be from Camp Fire USA staff and students of the Public Leadership Program at the University of Maryland.

Those interested in enrolling their children or students are asked to complete the application form at <http://www.survey-monkey.com/s/GreenbeltMSTIA>. Applicants will receive an email within one week with more information about the program.

There is a fee.
For more information see the application link or call 240-391-6246.

GHI Notes

Thursday, December 23, Offices Closed

Friday December 24, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Wednesday, December 29, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Friday, December 31, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

The fall leaf bag program ends December 29 – a limited supply of bags is still available in the lobby.

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Metro Trip Planner Is Holiday Helper

Not only are new Metrobus and TheBus routes in effect in Greenbelt but Metrobus will run on Sunday schedules throughout both upcoming three-day holiday weekends. The Trip Planner form at www.metroopendoors.com provides detailed times and directions to make any trip on public transportation. The directions are specific and make the adjustments for holiday service.

Some errors in the new TheBus routes had initially been loaded into the Trip Planner December 9 but have now been corrected.

On Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day, the Metrorail Green Line will operate from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. on its Sunday schedule – generally every 15 to 20 minutes. Also, MetroAccess riders must reserve all trips on those days, as any regular subscription trips will not automatically occur.



Storm Tangles Roads, Delays News Review


Last week’s first real snow, although light on total accumulation, left area roadways so snarled that Silver Communications Corporation, in Sterling, Va., could not deliver the December 16 News Review to Greenbelt until Friday morning. Thus many of our readers weren’t able to pick up papers at Co-op and carriers were unable to get papers to deliver to the homes on their routes until much later than usual.

Readers can chalk this delay up to Father Frost, not the carriers who were also bringing holiday greetings.


Bad timing for carriers, along with the unwelcome news that bogus carrier envelopes asking for holiday donations have been placed at some homes (see article on page 10).



*The Board of Directors
and Staff of GHI
Would Like to Wish
All our Members and Friends in the
Greenbelt Community
Happy Holidays!
May Your Homes and Hearts be Filled
with Peace, Hope and Joy this Season
and in the New Year.*



Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition
(GEAC)
Diversity Is Our Strength



HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY


GEAC
Greenbrook Village

Hunting Ridge
Greenwood Village

Greenbriar / Glen Oaks
Greenspring I

Windsor Green
Greenbelt Lake Village

Greenbrook Estates
Greenspring II



Community Development through our Non-Profit Advocacy Group
Supported by Member Homeowner Associations

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF DEC 24 Black Swan

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Friday

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Saturday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday – Thursday

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Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of DEC 23

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Little Fockers, PG-13 (!)

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Yogi Bear, PG (!!)

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The Fighter, R (!!)

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Little Fockers, PG-13 (!)

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Gullivers Travels, PG (!!)

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USDA Centennial Rooted In Greenbelt's History

by Virginia Beauchamp

Celebrating the century-long history of scientific agriculture in the United States, the Henry Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) sponsored a slide-show presentation on Monday, November 29 in the main building on Route 1. Dr. Robert Griesbach, deputy assistant administrator of the Agriculture Research Service Office of Technology Transfer, made the presentation.

From an immense collection of photographs starting from the Civil War period, Griesbach described how scientific agriculture had developed in the United States. As early as 1839 federal employees were collecting seeds, which citizens could request from their senators. But the Department of Agriculture began in earnest during the administration of Abraham Lincoln, with its first federal building constructed in 1869.

I was hoping for some reference to Charles Calvert of Prince George's County, who had been influential in founding the United States Agricultural Society. (He was serving at that time as the first president of the Maryland State Agricultural Society.) Calvert had been a leader in scientific agriculture, having founded a school for that purpose on land he owned on the old Baltimore and Washington Turnpike, which we know today as US1.

Unfortunately the Civil War intervened, with students at his school called up to serve in the Union army. But the breaking away of the Southern states made possible passage of the federal land grant act – the Morrill Act – in 1862, which provided federal-owned land for agricultural colleges throughout the country. (It took a war to bring this off, since Southern congressmen had opposed such legislation.)

The oldest surviving building on the University of Maryland campus is named for Morrill, a Civil War Congressman. Charles Calvert, also in Congress, was a moving force in creating the federal Department of Agriculture in 1862. The University was established on land Calvert sold at a fraction of its real value.

Greenbelt History

Two other pieces of history I was looking for in Griesbach's presentation were also missing. Call my interest parochial, if you will.

Griesbach had traced the Department of Agriculture from a site in early Washington on Independence Avenue near the tidal basin, where the main buildings still exist, to a vast acreage of land across the Potomac River used for experimental plantings. In the late 1930s, when this land was commandeered by the Army to build the Pentagon, extensive property in Maryland was purchased for BARC for basic agri-

cultural research.

But the very availability of federal land so close to Washington led Roosevelt-era administrators to look for adjacent acreage to create the city we know as Greenbelt. If plans fell through, the National Agricultural Research Center would buy the land from the Resettlement Administration.

According to the commemorative volume, "Greenbelt: History of a New Town," 12,189 acres were purchased, of which 1,996 acres were dedicated to build the city, including its surrounding belt of green, and 7,700 acres were dedicated to increase the land holdings for BARC.

The remainder, 1,600 acres south of Greenbelt, was set aside for recreational purposes – some eventually developed as Greenbelt Park.

And when the Space Age began, with the need to build a federal complex not too far from Washington, some of BARC's land was commandeered for the Goddard Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which we know as NASA.

That's another part of Greenbelt's story, of course.

We can look down on BARC property from Ridge Road – even enter it through the Research Road gates. But that those gates can also lock us away on weekends and at night reminds us that our town has had a separate history.



Congratulations to:

– Joan Conway of Ridge Road, who has been chosen as one of 11 Washingtonians of the Year by Washingtonian Magazine in the issue which hit newsstands yesterday. Conway was honored because of her role as the volunteer director of the food pantries of the Langley Park Catholic Community and St. Camillus Catholic Church.

– Ben Clarke of Forestway, who was awarded a Master of Engineering degree at the Fall Commencement of the University of Maryland College Park. . . and to his wife Tina and children Tyler and Alexi, without whose support this endeavor would not have been possible.

Happy Holidays to all our Greenbelt neighbors!

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

National Gallery Adds Kids Audio Tour

The National Gallery of Art announced a new free children's audio tour is now available at the West Building, Mall entrance. This tour, for children ages 7 to 12, features West Building highlights and provides an opportunity to get "up close and personal" with some of the world's greatest paintings.



Now meeting at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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December 24 – two candlelight services, 6:30 p.m. – all ages service with living nativity scene. Wear nativity costume.
9:30 p.m., traditional readings and carols.



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New Deal to Exhibit Art by Two Residents

Beginning on January 4, the New Deal Café will host exhibits by photographer Nicholas Condon and 3D artist Nancy DePlatchett through February. All are invited to a free artists' reception for both shows from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, January 9 to which all are invited.

DePlatchett

Greenbelter Nancy DePlatchett exhibits handmade jewelry which displays her creative use of antique elements, semi-precious stones and unique beads. She will display and sell work including sea urchin bracelets made from antique French sequins and semi-precious stone; necklaces with unique antique pieces added to the design; pins made from antique buttons, found objects and computer parts; both clip and pierced earrings; along with other creations for personal embellishment.

DePlatchett's undergraduate and graduate work was in the field of art education and crafts. She taught art for many years in Prince George's County, retiring to take her current position as Curriculum Advisor for the Education Department at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

At the recent Labor Day Arts Festival she took first place in the print division. Her work was shown at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival this past year. Among her honors and accomplishments are inclusion in the Prince George's County Publication "Woman of Achievement" and being named one of Maryland's Outstanding Artists by the Woman's Commission.

Condon


"Walking through Greenbelt" is the title for the New Deal Café photography exhibition by Nicholas Condon. Greenbelt was, from its inception, an inherently pedestrian-oriented community and the best way to experience it is still on foot. Since first moving to Greenbelt six years ago, Condon has walked through the city on errands and for pleasure and has enjoyed observing its characteristic architecture and its integration with the natural and growing world. For the last year, he has turned his camera on these scenes with this show as the result.

His photographs depict shapes and textures of Old Greenbelt's buildings and trees and the play of light and shadow between them. They are composed in black and white or with a very limited color palette in order to emphasize form and contrast. They present a new perspective on the familiar sights of the city, from the Community Center and the library to the houses and apartments, and reflect the photographer's affection for his subject.

Condon first learned photography from his father when he was a small child. His love affair with the art was rekindled by the digital revolution and now burns brighter than ever. This is the first time his work has been exhibited in public. In his day job, he is a research scientist who specializes in lasers and optics.

More photos may be seen at his website: njcondon.zenfolio.com.

The art exhibit program at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA).



Holiday Greetings

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Friday, December 31 for the New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of December 27
Monday Route – Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route – Regular Schedule
Wednesday Route – Regular Schedule
Thursday Route – Regular Schedule
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 31.

GREENBELT CONNECTION

The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Friday, December 24, and Saturday, December 25; and Friday, December 31, and Saturday, January 1st.
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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION SWIM

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Start your New Year off with a resolution swim at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. There will be lap swimming and water walking available. This is a great way to get started on your New Year's resolutions with some exercise.

When: Saturday, January 1, 2011
Time: 10:00am – 11:30am
Where: Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway
Age: 8 on up
Cost: \$5.00
Checks should be made payable to the City of Greenbelt



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Download the Winter 2011 Greenbelt Recreation Activity Guide at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation_brochure.pdf



City of Greenbelt, Recreation Department

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Before and After care are available for an additional fee.

RESIDENTS: \$125 NON-RESIDENTS: \$150
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Roberts said that because this study has already been delayed and is BRAC-related, it could move very quickly. He thought the city should go on record immediately as opposing any widening of the parkway. “We should oppose it as soon as we can and as often as we can,” Roberts said. He added that the city had been promised in the past by its federal representatives that the BWP would not be widened; he wants to hold them to their promises.

Davis said that matter was not on the agenda for council action that night and that before council took a formal position, there should be provision for receiving comments from residents. She noted that not everyone is opposed to an expansion since daily major traffic tie-ups affect Greenbelters as well as other commuters.

Four Cities Agenda

Councilmember Edward Putens said the topic should be placed on the agenda of Greenbelt’s next Four Cities meeting on January 26 with New Carrollton, College Park and Berwyn Heights. He also suggested holding a public hearing.

Councilmember Konrad Herling questioned whether the orientation of this study implied a pulling away from mass transit. He said there should not be an assumption that there was only one way to get people from point A to point B.

Councilmember Leta Mach strongly agreed. She said that if the purpose was to study the impact of BRAC on BWP traffic, then the proposed study should include the feasibility of all possible alternatives to solve the problem, not just widening the road.

Davis added she had heard mention of the possibility of adding a lane for public transportation use. Roberts commented that there are not enough federal and state funds to maintain the current roads and Metro system, let alone further road expansion.

Although Roberts favored the city’s holding its own public hearing soon, Davis said she believed the city has too little hard information at this point to justify asking people simply to come and express their feelings on the matter.

Council then voted unanimously to direct staff to prepare a letter to be sent or copied to the city’s elected delegation at all levels and to Congressman Ruppertsberger and relevant federal and state agencies, asking for additional information and inviting their participation in a public hearing to be held in January, if feasible. Included among concerns to be presented were the continuation of the parkway as a parkway, the already excessive noise level for residents, the potential for creating additional traffic by linkage to the Inter-County Connector and the need to evaluate all potential alternatives, not just road widening, for solving the problems identified.

4-Wheel Drive Help Sought by Hospice

Hospice of the Chesapeake is seeking volunteers with 4-wheel drive vehicles to assist patients and staff with transportation during inclement weather conditions. To volunteer call Julie Medlin in Prince George’s County at 301-499-4500 or email jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

Yahoo Alternative To Widening BWP

Pundits commenting on the Greenbelters Yahoo group have not been oblivious to the recent news that a study sponsored by Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger (2nd District) has been funded to evaluate the feasibility of adding one lane in each direction to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (BWP). Opinion on the news group has been running approximately 3:1 against widening the beloved parkway, which through its tree cover provides essential oxygen to much of the region.

Earlier this week, news group moderator Andy Carruthers, an apparent supporter of the plan to widen the road to six lanes, despite his best efforts proposed an alternative solution to the problem of over-crowding on the BWP. Alexander Barnes, in a post explaining why adding and widening roads encourages further congestion, had said, “To sum up: every time you add capacity for two more cars, three will come.”

In an epiphany, Carruthers responded: “But wait, if it’s that simple, I suddenly see the solution to all our transportation problems: if we just reduce road capacity everywhere by 20 percent, we’ll see a reduction in overall traffic volume of 30 percent. Jeez Louise, it’s so obvious. Let’s just start closing down lanes and traffic will disappear.”

Hoisted with his own petard, Carruthers found that his traffic-reduction plan quickly garnered supporters who were considerably more eager to test it by closing down lanes on local roadways than to read his further arguments against the “build it and they will come” theory. Reportedly, the newly formed group will soon apply for free meeting space from the city and the first meeting, to be held at the northbound intersection of the BWP and Rt. 197, will be announced shortly.

– Kathleen Gallagher

MVA Announces Holiday Closings

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will be closed for the holidays from Thursday, December 23 until Monday, December 27 and from Thursday, December 30 through January 2, re-opening Monday, January 3. Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations will also be closed.

Mormon Temple’s Lights and Music

The 33rd annual Mormon Temple holiday lights and free programs opened to public view Friday, December 3 and runs through January 1. There are exhibits inside the Visitors Center and extensive outside lighting on display from dusk to 10 p.m. daily. Free music programs are offered nightly at 7 and 8 p.m. in the Visitor Center theater by a variety of community groups from throughout the Metro region. Included are bell choirs, flute ensembles, vocal choirs, dance troupes and other forms of holiday entertainment.

Over 500,000 Christmas lights illuminate the temple grounds. A Visitor Center crèche exhibit features 130 nativity scenes from countries all over the world. There are 16 decorated Christmas trees inside including several international trees exhibiting dolls donated by more than 90 Washington embassies.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Mormon Temple Visitors Center is located at 9900 Stoneybrook Drive off the Capital Beltway in Kensington. For further information call 301-587-0144 or visit the website www.dctemplelights.lds.org.

Trainspotting Day In Bowie Dec. 30

On Thursday, December 30 visit the Kringle Kaboose Holiday train program at Bowie’s Railroad Museum. Suitable for children ages 1 to 11, the program includes games, stories and trainspotting.

No reservations are required for this free event. For more information call 301-575-2488.

The Calverts By Candlelight

Riversdale House Museum invites visitors to pay an evening call on the Calvert family on Wednesday, December 29 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served and there will be live music and children’s activities. There is a fee for adults; children 12 and under are free. For more information call 301-864-0420.

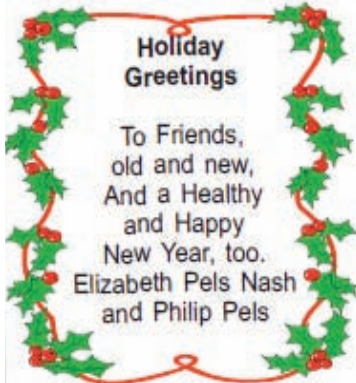
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became available, the Society’s collection of books and papers was crowded into a basement-level room at Marietta. Three society members – Sarah Bourne, Susan Pearl and Sharon Sweeting (“the three Ss”) – kept the library going after Fred DeMarr’s death in 1997. Marietta itself, the home of early U.S. Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall, has been owned and maintained for many years by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Two years ago, however, when the Society was offered the opportunity to use Greenbelt Library’s lower level spaces, the library was moved to Greenbelt.

The Frederick S. DeMarr Li-

brary of County History opened here with a celebratory reception and Authors Roundtable in May 2008, at which Mrs. Tatspaugh and her brother, Robert DeMarr, cut both the cake and the blue ribbon. Robert DeMarr was among the 25 members of the family group who attended the 100th birthday tea here on December 11.

The Historical Society library is open again at its regular hours – noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays (except Christmas and New Year’s Day) and during the week by appointment – call 301-220-0330.



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Tree Lighting Ceremony Ignites Holiday Spirit



Despite the freezing temperatures, residents of all ages gathered to witness the lighting of Greenbelt's official holiday tree at the start of the Festival of Lights on December 3.



The Alves family (Dominic on Tony's shoulder and Wanda) applaud the Pearls at the Greenbelt tree lighting.




Above, Hayden Chandler, Aaron Coppock and Gillian Coppock admire the newly lit Greenbelt tree.



At right, Santa hands out candy canes at the tree lighting.



Hot cocoa was served at the tree lighting by Patrick Welsh, Chris Bate, Lizzie Hammett and Chris Papp.



Greenbelt Service Center/Sunoco

Bill Novick and the staff at Greenbelt Service Center/Sunoco would like to wish all of their customers and the citizens of Greenbelt a Happy Holiday Season! Like many other businesses we have had to make adjustments to continue to thrive during these challenging economic times. We feel there is a direct connection between our relationship with our customers – many of whom we call friends – and our ability to succeed in our efforts to provide quality car care and coffee every day of the year for 24 years. We wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year.

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Bill Novick, Ricky Bailey, Jens Grove, Jacob Novick, John Novick, Donnie, Sam, Mohammad, Hall, Vinnie, Alex, Ingrid, Cheri, Paul and Timmy

Why I Vacation in a Cooperative

by Tom Jones

I vacation in a co-op because I like to escape to where animals outnumber people. Because the loudest noise is the river, as cellphone networks and the internet have never penetrated deep into the Shenandoah Mountains. Because every summer, my family rents the camp together. Because every winter since high school, my friends reunite, keeping ourselves warm with coal. Because Johanna and I were married there, even though a fallen tree blocked the only road and a rattlesnake interrupted our wedding preparations. Because when we've been driving for two hours, then five unpaved mountain miles, at that last bend in the road I know the outside world ceases to matter. I vacation at Greenbelt's mountain co-op, Rapidan Camps.

In 1952, Bruce Bowman – one of Greenbelt's co-op masterminds – signed the mortgage creating GHI. The next year, he signed the loan creating Rapidan Camps. Bowman served on the Greenbelt city council, as Greenbelt's 1988 Outstanding Citizen and on the Rapidan board of directors until 1996. Bruce's wife, Ruth, was Rapidan's registrar for 20 years. Many officers and members lived in Greenbelt, including my parents George and Jeanne Jones and (until February) my brother Mike – who volunteered as Rapidan's registrar while waiting for fares in his taxi.

Rapidan Camps was created to provide a vacation site for its members. The co-op owns five acres with five cabins in the Blue Ridge, west of Culpeper surrounded by a Virginia preserve, which is surrounded by the Shenandoah National Park. The site was originally part of Herbert Hoover's presidential retreat.

The original four wooden cabins were built by the U.S. Marine Corps in 1930. The architecture and building materials had been superb – they were for the president! But the camp had later been neglected.

Rapidan started with 14 members and \$5,000 of debt. Co-op members share struggles, and together find solutions.



PHOTO BY TOM JONES

Rapidan Camps in the Shenandoah Mountains of Virginia. One of the original Hoover-era Marine Corps cabins is on the left. The newest cabin, built with co-op volunteer effort, is on the right.

Before I was born, my father and brother rebuilt the roof on Cabin 4 and installed its electric grounding rod. Numerous volunteers worked over the years to make the cabins habitable, then comfortable. My family went to Rapidan every summer as I grew up and from my dad I learned basic carpentry, plumbing, electrical work and cooperative sharing. My mom was registrar and I learned how to deal with difficult people and convince divergent minds to work together. Since the cabins' single-wall design is German siding boards nailed to studs, nothing is hidden. Perfection was seldom as important as getting something to work, so Rapidan was ideal for learning.

Since I became involved, Rapidan has seen – and surmounted – newer crises. Vandals incinerated the smallest cabin, legal questions made it almost impossible to admit new members, rental revenue declined after a massive flood in 1995, then Hurricane Fran destroyed both bridges and campers' cars had to ford the river.

In the mid-1990s, wooly adelgids arrived and attacked the hemlock trees that dominated the forest. For a tiny bug, the adelgid had a huge impact on the

landscape and the cooperative's budget and in 1999 a severe storm toppled two trees onto a cabin. But by 2005, thanks to volunteer effort and sound management, our reserve fund grew from \$0 to \$17,000. I built an easy-to-use reservation calendar on the RapidanCamps.org website, which helped rental occupancy increase by 41 percent.

Then in 2005 one of the large original cabins burned down. Members were determined to rebuild as rapidly as possible, using whatever was available. For a while, it seemed beyond impossible to build what we wanted.

But in the cooperative spirit, we examined every possibility. A complex scheme rose from the ashes. One of our directors,

a professional architect, created the design. We determined what work needed professionals – site preparation, foundation, framing and chimney repair – and what we could tackle ourselves. We raised \$35,000 in a fundraiser. Then we, the members, committed to the biggest project in our history – installing the walls, deck, windows, doors, plumbing and electrical systems, before winter.

Anyone who has done a construction project on their house knows the effort involved. Our project, a rustic historic structure at the end of a five-mile dirt road, 30 minutes from cellphone reception, and a two-hour round trip from a hardware store, wasn't in the building code, so

we had to negotiate with the inspector. I've gone to town with a shopping list so diverse and obscure that Lowe's employees asked if we're scavenger hunt secret shoppers from corporate headquarters.

In September 2008, our new cabin was complete enough for renters (at a 50 percent discount as it lacked beds and a kitchen). But now everything is complete and 2009 set a new record for rental revenue. That revenue pays for other projects – like rebuilding Cabin 3's foundation, where the walls don't meet at right angles anymore.

The community of Rapidan members is diverse but we share love of the place. In cooperatives, members do what they can to advance the organization they own together. Members and nonmembers converge at our Work Weekends, when we share maintenance projects and hearty meals. Those who don't spend so much time volunteering get to spend just as much time camping.

In Rapidan Camps, I've found a way to enjoy the mountains and the relaxing isolation they provide, the camaraderie of family and friends and the memory of my parents, brother and others who loved our unique co-op camp.

Tom Jones is the president of Rapidan Camps.

Editor's Note: This cooperative story was written for Co-op Month. Lack of space prevented the News Review from using the story during October, Co-op Month. We kept it for the holiday week, when space is more likely available.

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Astro Observers Watch Eclipse of Moon

by Doug Love

On the longest night of the year, the morning of the winter solstice, everyone on this side of the Earth was treated to a total lunar eclipse.

The moon passed through the northern half of the Earth’s shadow, which means that the eerie red light creating the “blood on the moon” effect was refracted by the Earth’s atmosphere over the North Atlantic Ocean and eastern China and Russia to fill in the dark umbra of the Earth’s shadow. The Penumbral shadow of the Earth’s atmosphere was only slightly dimmed by the light that had been refracted away. It was scarcely visible as the eclipse started and the “shadow line” of the umbral shadow was sharp. As the moon came out of eclipse between 4 and 5 in the morning, the center of the moon’s disk looked grayish but otherwise the moon had recovered the full moon brightness that it will show tonight and tomorrow.

The winter solstice is unrelated to the moon’s orbit. It is simply the moment when the North Pole of the Earth faces the farthest away from the sun, so that the Arctic is in the midst of a winter-long night and the Antarctic continent has a summer-long day. It was just a fortuitous event to have the eclipse occur on solstice morning.

It’s an interesting paradox that the fullest moon is a moon in eclipse. We had been watching the moon get fuller and brighter for the past few days. The moon reflects sunlight most directly back at us when the visible side is fully lit up, so the full moon is much brighter than twice the first-quarter “half moon.” Fred Espenak, NASA’s “Mr. Eclipse,”

notes on one of his websites that the moon was just four days from being closest to the Earth in its orbit, so it appeared especially large in the sky.

I wasn’t totally sure that we would be able to observe this lunar eclipse from Greenbelt. The Clear Sky Clock for the University of Maryland Observatory said it would get cloudy around 3 a.m. I checked again at 11 and it said clear all night. I decided to get a 90-minute REM-cycle of sleep before going out to open up the observatory. When I arrived at 1, there was already a group observing with a portable telescope in the Northway Field parking lot.

Observatory

I had to set up the batteries to power the observatory during the first contact of the moon with the Earth’s shadow. I invited the group up to the observatory for hot chocolate and a look through the Mead Memorial Celestron.

We now have two new wide-angle 2” eyepieces but when I put them into the eyepiece holder, they each fogged up. So I pulled out our tried-and-true 32 mm 1-1/4” wide eyepiece and got excellent views of the moon. Unfortunately, this is the wrong size eyepiece to see the whole moon. We could only see part of the moon in it. But many of the more than 20 folks that came up to the observatory between 2 and 4 got a better view through the finder scope.

As the eclipse progressed, we noticed something that Espenak had predicted: the southern half of the eclipsed moon was brighter than the northern half. This may have been due to clouds over the northern Atlantic keeping the red light from refracting. These would be snow clouds from the great storm in Europe in the

lower atmosphere but there could still be remnants of the sulfur clouds from the Icelandic volcano in the upper atmosphere shading the Earth and keeping the weather colder than normal.

Dark Red

But once second contact had occurred and the moon was completely in the Earth’s shadow, the entire moon was dark red, with a thin crescent of yellow around the top and west-facing sides of the moon that were at the edge of the umbra. In the sky, it looked like a little red-faced man with yellow hair as the crescent moved around to the east. Visitors came and went, and then for a while I was alone with the moon, the telescope and the cold “hot chocolate.”

Then suddenly third contact came and the moon began brightening on its upper left side as it exited the shadow to the east. David Chesnes came up to watch the moon’s egress and helped me close down the observatory.

Even with charged-up batteries, it was difficult to get the 1-horsepower motor to close the heavy slit and I had to hook my car battery to the observatory’s two marine cells, plus use a heavy pipe to loosen the slit and get it started down the track to a closed position. It’s the price we pay for being off the grid and keeping electricity and excess lights out of the Great North Woods. I know the animals appreciate it.

I glanced up at the now full moon when I arrived home shortly after 5.

I would sleep until a noon appointment but it was a well-spent morning. I had seen a total lunar eclipse from start to finish, something that is not always possible in cloudy weather.

Doug Love is the director of the Greenbelt Observatory.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to “Weekly Report” or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

December 12, 6:11 p.m., 6100 Springhill Terrace, a food delivery person was assaulted by a man, who took the food he was attempting to deliver. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 23 years old, 5’10” to 6’2” tall, weighing 150 to 160 pounds, wearing a black sweatshirt and skull cap.

Unattended Child

December 14, 10:45 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving her child unattended. She was released on citation pending trial.

School Disruption

December 9, 9:25 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was petitioned for disruption of school activities. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Vandalism

December 11, 8:20 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a window was broken.

December 12, 7:35 p.m., 21 Court Ridge Road, graffiti was found on a garage.

December 13, 10:39 a.m., Ridge Road at Southway, graffiti was found at several locations in the area.

December 14, 4:35 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a rock was thrown through a window.

December 15, 11:22 a.m., 23 Court Ridge Road, graffiti was found on a row of garages.

Burglaries

December 7, 6:59 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, an attempted burglary was reported.

December 7, 8:33 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, it was reported that a laptop and DVDs were taken.

December 9, 4:47 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a laptop and camera were among the items reported taken.

December 10, 2:11 p.m., 100 block Lakeside, a laptop, iPod and jewelry were reported taken.

December 15, 7:02 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that currency was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a black 2006 Chevrolet Tahoe with Md. tags from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway and a maroon 1966 Lincoln Continental with D.C. tags from the 9100 block Edmonston Road. An attempted theft was reported in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway.

Police Warn of Fake Carrier Envelopes

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds residents to be careful of scams this holiday season. Currently someone has been placing envelopes requesting donations for newspaper carriers at residents’ homes. Some of these envelopes have been fraudulent.

Always beware of unofficial letters and envelopes asking for donations. If unsure of the sender or recipient, call the company or business named on the document and ask for confirmation before sending any money. Never give out personal information through the mail, online or over the phone unless sure who is receiving that information and how they are using it. Every year millions of people are victimized by identity theft. They remind that prevention is key to stopping crime.

Send to Paper

The News Review is aware that some people who received donation solicitations in the name of the Washington Post carrier did not realize it was not for the News Review carrier.

The News Review is able to handle carrier donations, seeing that they reach the actual residents’ carriers, with the address of the sender. Anyone who believes they were victimized by a bogus carrier solicitation is asked to make a fraud or theft report to the Greenbelt police non-emergency number: 301-474-7200.

Two vehicles were recovered in Washington and Forestville. No arrests were made in either recovery.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (GPS unit, iPod); Beltway Plaza (tools); 13 Court Hillside Road (2 incidents – laptop, iPod, wallet); 7800 block Emily’s Way (currency, personal items); 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (Md. year sticker); 7800 block Walker Drive (GPS); 7200 block Hanover Drive (3 incidents – 4 GPS units, emergency kit); and 7900 block Mandan Road (tire, rim).

Vandalism was reported at 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (broken window), 7500 block Greenbelt Road (2 incidents – broken windows) and 9100 block Springhill Lane (scratched vehicle).

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paper to compose a life-size portrait covered in acrylic. Woven through the newsprint and paint, Baker fashioned railroad tracks, representing those that took Jews to the concentration camps.

Flanked to Baker’s right was Gross, dressed in a blue- and white-checked pantsuit with matching blue eye shadow and head band. She talked about her two-dimensional work displayed in black frames. A former graphic designer, Gross earned a bachelor of fine art concentrating in studio art from Florida State University in Tallahassee. Her work includes bright cut-outs of dancers, salt and pepper shakers, a wrench and a shopping cart.

Wreath Making

Downstairs, the smell of evergreens filled the wreath making classes, along with scores of women, men and children crafting holly leaves, ribbons, pine cones and greens into door hanging creations. As Adrienne Varner decorated her wreath, she talked of her experiences as a student at Greenbelt Elementary School, now the Community Center.

Each year the Falls Church resident returns to the school for the annual event with her two sons in tow. The other free workshop taught participants how to make winter decorations and reusable gift packages.

In the gym down the hall, vendors sold hula hoops, soaps,

crocheted hats and shawls from recycled sweaters, fused glass ornaments and hand-made cards and jewelry.

Serenaded by a harp, drums, and acoustic guitar forming the musical group Harp 46, Saturday’s shoppers moved to the soothing sounds through a circular path lined with vendors. “Every year the quality of the artists improves,” said Karen, a Bowie resident who only wanted to give her first name, who currently takes clay classes at the Community Center.

Kung Schmelcher of Laurel thought the craft fair was interesting because of the variety of vendors and music. Djesben, known for its world beat jazz, performed on Sunday. Schmelcher said her children, Alisha, 3 1/2 and Leon, 8 months, enjoyed the fair, too.

Vendor Toby Rivkin is a master of hula hoops. She uses irrigation hose and hula hoop and electrical tape to create small, medium and large hula hoops to accommodate various body shapes. Rivkin also molds ceramic art and designs flyer toys.

On the other end of the gym,



PHOTOS BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Participants made holiday decorations at the Artful Afternoon workshop.

Leslie McLaughlin of LHM Cards and Gifts and formerly of the Greenbelt Nursery School, tells of selling out on Saturday of her never-ending cards that change shapes as the user folds their various panels.

McLaughlin had made more cards for Sunday’s crowd but those were moving as well. “It’s been really busy,” she said.

The next row over Lisa Williams of Shessocrafty Art and Design showed off felt necklaces, earrings and other accessories. The College Park resident was accompanied by her four-year-old son, Liam.

Shoppers also toured the decorated Greenbelt Museum’s historic home, purchased publications by local authors and treated themselves to refreshments.



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The entire crowd of children, police, firefighters and auxiliary members gather for a group shot after their gift-wrapping and pizza party at the Fire House on Sunday, December 19.

great letting them pick presents for the whole family, then for themselves,” said Triesky, who has participated for several years.

Two Helpers

Michelle, 6, was lucky to have two adults lavishing attention on her – Jackie Curley and Michelle Moo-Young, administrative assistant in police records.

Michelle (the 6-year-old) picked up a Big Cat Tractor for her brother Alonzo, 5. Sergeant Susie Reed, EMT, helped Matt, 5, pick out pajamas for his mom, shirts for his brothers, pants and socks for his dad and a Toy Story Speedway for himself.

“I’m going to buy stuff for my mom,” said Hassam Reames, 11. When I asked his mother, Doniece, what she wanted, she smiled and said, “I don’t know yet.” Clark, 12, bought a fuzzy toy dog for his sister Casey, 4, with help from Doug Hess of the Fire Department.

Diane Ronchi, Kathy McAndrew, Mary Howerton, Pauline Bordas and other members of the ladies auxiliary made sure nobody went away hungry. “This is special; I think it’s fantastic!” Bordas said.

Kelly Lawson stood up on a steel folding chair, got the crowd’s attention, and declared the event a success. “Thanks guys!” she said.



Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze helps Chris Bailey choose a video game.



At left, Sgt. Marie Triesky and Daquante Donnell from Springhill Lake Elementary School finished their shopping and are in the check-out line at Target Saturday before heading back to the fire house for a gift wrapping and pizza party.

Below, Firefighter Doug Hess of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department helps one of the children wrap his gifts back at the Greenbelt firehouse.



Firefighter Luis Arias of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department with one of the children hit the toy aisle.



Greenbelt Middle Schoolers Show Off at Poetry Slam

by Jim Link

The First Annual Poetry Slam sponsored by Greenbelt Middle School’s PTA and English Department last Tuesday evening (December 14) at GMS was a poetry lovers’ delight, despite the freezing weather.

Danica Woodyard, 8th grade reading teacher, and her band of enthusiastic 6th, 7th and 8th grade helpers did all the considerable preparatory work of decorating the cafeteria/stage with signs, booths and colorful displays. “They have learned a lot and they definitely want to show it off,” she said.

“The students have studied Nikki Giovanni, Edgar Allan Poe, Alfred Noyes. Poe is their favorite – they loved ‘The Raven’ and ‘Annabelle Lee,’” Woodyard added.

Onomatopoeia. Simile. Metaphor. Alliteration: These and other figures of speech had their own exhibits with student hosts standing by to unriddle their mysteries and provide examples for curious parents, teachers or fellow students. But before they enlightened the 50 or so attendees (about 30 students, 10 parents, 10 teachers), the guests had to prove their poetic chops by writing some spontaneous poetry.

Amy Hansen, president of the PTA, bravely read her offering first, which, alas, sounded like a bad Dr. Seuss imitation – something about hats and cats and rats. Hansen, a published author, admitted “I am no poet. But I gave confidence to others to come and read after me.”

And read they did. Donna Howard, a social studies teacher at GMS for 11 years, responded to the students’ demand to share her effort, which elicited great applause. Another teacher read her haiku – much applause.

Then it was the parents’ turn. “Come on, you guys!” yelled the students. Stony silence.

Students’ Turn

Then came the students’ turn. “Come on Kobe!” yelled the students. Kobe read – great applause, especially from the girls. Then in quick succession, after the students insisted, stamped, demanded that they read, we heard Angelica’s version of “21st Century” – great applause.

Next, Rahat read “School,” which included the lines “Kids who skip class Won’t get to pass So don’t play the fool When you’re in school.”

Angum read; Olashola read; Taibou read; Keydi, Tashell and Morgan read as a threesome; Yasier read; Masiama read – all to appreciative applause.

Then Aminata read “Girl Power,” which included lines like

“Girls are as smart as Einstein

Girls smell as good as perfume

Girls have nails like cats Girls bring joy to the room.” Big fat applause.

Karen Urquilla, the student Mistress of Ceremonies, did a smooth job keeping the pentameter moving apace.

Kayla Jones and her “assistant,” Aileen Flores, presided over the Simile Station. They offered “Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you’re going to get.” And this



PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER

From left to right Morgan Epps, Keydi Paz and Tashell Savory, all 8th graders, read their teacher Mr. Ramage’s poem about a weather cold front.

doozy: “Life is like a curry puff – short and cheesy.”

Chuzu Ejeh said that running the Imagery Station was “great fun.” He displayed these images: “velvet butterfly wings,” “an accidental mosquito sandwich,” “blood-tinged tulips.”

Nebeyu Mesfin and his “assistant,” Jamiah Williams, ran the Hyperbole Station. “I have a ton of homework,” “I’m so hungry I could eat a horse,” were two.

At the Alliteration Station Angum Check offered “Red rubies are radiant when worn with red wigs.” And “Father Franklin fetched five fishes for five fishermen.”

At the Repetition Station, Tashell Savory, Yasier Gomez, Morgan Epps and Keydi Paz offered this gem:

“It’s very cold.
The cold is cold.
I can’t take the cold.
I love the cold.”

When Jimmy Kemgang insinuated himself into the Repetition group, they cried “Go away! You didn’t help!” Undaunted, Jimmy countered with great dignity: “But I know what repetition is.”

Personification

Ghozif Kamran gave a long, eloquent definition of personification and his partner Ivan Cruz asserted “I made everything here (at the Personification Station)!”



Eighth grade student Taibou Diallo participated in the poetry slam.



Sixth grader Aminata Diallo reads a poem that she wrote.

“Yes, he did great. I’m very impressed,” added Ghozif graciously.

Chetlan Israel pointed out pictures of a dancing tree, a crying storm and a tree begging for water.

Jaristu Koroma and Kelly Zheng handled the Idioms Station. “An idiom is a common usage which does not make literal sense; it is often ungrammatical,” they explained and gave “Break a leg,” “back to square one” and “It’s raining cats and dogs,” as examples.

Finally, the Onomatopoeia Station featured “Boom!” “Tick tock!” and “Buzz . . .” compliments of John Aderotoye and Chibueze Ebinum.

Incredulous interviewer: “Where did you guys learn all this stuff?” (gesturing at all the poetic stations)

John and Chibueze: “Our great reading teacher Ms. Woodyard taught us!”

The parents, though not themselves masters of poetic meter, were enthusiastic about the students’ efforts. Jeff Knutson, the PTA’s treasurer and father of 7th grader Jan said, “It was great. Beads, bongo drums – a very pleasant surprise.”

Secretary of the PTA Jonnetta Gross said, “I love it! It’s so creative!”

Susan Breon, mother of 7th



Sixth grader Miriama Bah reads her poem at the poetry slam.

grader Kathryn, was convinced that “This is very cool. The kids seem very excited.”

The PTA’s vice president Darelynn Fung, mother of 7th grader Sam Goldstein, said, “It’s great. My son loves coming to school here.”

Hyperbolically speaking, the iambically charged crowd passed past a banner asserting that “You can’t spell S CCESS without U” and, paradoxically, melted into the freezing night.

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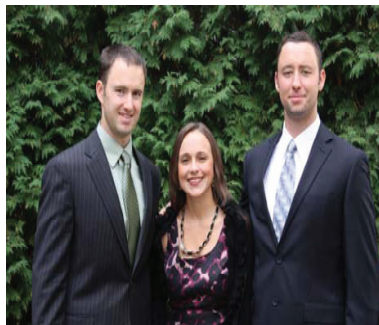
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